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NEBRASKA MAY 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST AND HAY STOCKS

LINCOLN, Neb., May 9, 2008 -- Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2008 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 81.4 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field office. Average yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year and 3.9 bushels above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.85 million acres, down 110,000 acres or 6 percent from last year. This would be 95 percent of the planted acres, compared to 96 percent harvested last year and the ten-year average of 93 percent. The May 4 wheat condition was rated 66 percent good to excellent, above both last year and average. Crop development was about 11 days behind last year and normal due to cooler temperatures during April. As of May 4, subsoil moisture supplies were near last year but above the 5-year average.

May 1 **hay stocks** of 1.01 million tons are up 17 percent from last year but 13 percent below the 10 year average.

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